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REMARKS

With entry of the present amendment, claims 1, 2, 4-10, 12-16, 18, 22, 29, 30, and 40-76 are pending. Claims 31 and 39 are presently canceled. Claims 3, 11, 17, 19-21, 23-28, and 32-38 were previously canceled. Claims 1, 4, 7, 45, 49, and 73 are amended. No new matter is believed to be presented by the foregoing amendments.

Entry of this amendment and reconsideration of the claims, as amended and in view of the following remarks, is requested.

Applicants have considered the Examiner's Advisory Action of January 12, 2007 carefully. The allowance of claims 49-58, 66-68, and 74-76 is noted with appreciation.

The Examiner noted two additional issues precluding the allowance of claims 1, 2, 4-10, 12-16, 18, 22, 29, 30, 40-48, 59-65, and 69-73; however. Essentially, the Examiner objected to "such as" in line 7 of claim 1. Applicants have amended this claim so that line 7 parallels line 3, which was amended and is apparently acceptable to the Examiner.

Claim 4 now refers to phosphate only, thus obviating that rejection.

A period was added at the end of claims 6 and 7.

All comments made in the amendment of December 19, 2006 are now incorporated by reference herein.

It is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance, and a prompt holding to that end is requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned with any questions regarding this amendment.

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CONCLUSION

The foregoing amendment is fully responsive to the Final Office Action issued November 22, 2006. Applicants submit that claims 1, 2, 4-10, 12-16, 18, 22, 29, 30, and 40-76, as amended, are allowable. Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes there are other issues that can be resolved by telephone interview, or that there are any informalities remaining in the application which may be corrected by Examiner's Amendment, a telephone call to the undersigned attorney is respectfully solicited.

Applicants believe that no fee is due with this communication. However, should the Patent Office determine that a fee is owed, or a credit is due to applicant, the Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge any required fees, including any extension of time and/or excess claim fees, or credit any overpayment, to applicant's Deposit Account 50-0624 (ROCHE 201 US) as appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,



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